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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

John Edward Andrew SHAW et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

Application No.: 10/671,694

Examiner: E. WONG

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For: MICRO-ENGINEERED REACTORS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the December 5, 2006 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-34 and 66-68. This election is made with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which is stated that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-73 can be examined without undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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